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Joseph A. Auza Sheep Co., LLC  
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Dear Joseph,

On May 10, 2012 you talked by phone with Kendell, John, Andy and me to develop the 2012 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Long Tom Allotment. After the sheep are trucked and unloaded on the Allotment the following, as discussed, will be the rotation for the two bands for 2012:

<u>South Band</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
South Unit 8	1950 hd	June 1 to June 9
South Unit 9	1950 hd	June 10 to July 1
South Unit 1	1950 hd	July 2 to July 9
South Unit 2	1950 hd	July 10 to July 17
South Unit 3	1950 hd	July 18 to July 25
South Unit 4	1950 hd	July 26 to August 9
South Unit 5	1950 hd	August 10 August 17
South Unit 6	1950 hd	August 18 to September 15
<u>North Band</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
North Unit 1	1950 hd	June 1 to June 21
North Unit 6	1950 hd	June 22 to July 13
North Unit 2	1950 hd	July 14 to July 28
North Unit 5	1950 hd	July 29 to August 19
North unit 4	1950 hd	August 20 to September 3
North Unit 3	1950 hd	September 4 to September 15

The unit rotation and dates may vary depending on several factors, including weather and forage conditions. A map of the band unit locations is attached.

The Sitgreaves National Forest will be in camp fire and smoking restrictions starting on May 18. This means no campfires, or charcoal fires, except in designated developed campgrounds and smoking only in vehicles and buildings.

Please use different bedground locations this season and locate them on upland areas and at least ¼ mile from water. Grazing, crossing or bedding shall not occur within riparian areas or



meadows such as Long Tom Draw (except to access private land), Jacob Lake, Lakes 1, 2 and 3, Horse Trap Lake, Sandy Lake, and Pinto and Hidden Lakes. The desired utilization level on key species is 30% and John and Andy will work with you on collecting monitoring data.

Also, please sign and return by mail to the Black Mesa Ranger District Office the enclosed Annual Authorized Use Request. The enclosed bill is preaddressed and must be paid prior to grazing.

This letter will serve as your 2012 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI). If you have any questions, please contact us at (928) 535 -7300.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Dee Hines*  
DEE HINES  
District Ranger